

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-938

December 18, 1998

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Revision to Term and Condition
to Provide Basic Information to
Competitive Electricity Providers
and to Establish a Charge for
Providing Non-standard Data

REQUEST FOR
COMMENTS

I. SUMMARY

In this Request for Comments, the Commission staff solicits comments from interested persons on a proposed revision to Central Maine Power Company's (CMP) Term and Condition 18.13 (Charge for Furnishing Billing, Payment and Usage Records), presents CMP with questions related to its proposed revision, and convenes a meeting to address these comments and questions.

II. BACKGROUND

On November 25, 1998, CMP filed a revision to its Term and Condition 18.13 that will define the customer-specific information it will provide to competitive electricity providers upon their request. The Commission will suspend the effective date of December 25 to allow sufficient time to determine the merits of the revision.

CMP asserts that the advent of retail competition is creating a significant increase in requests from providers for historical customer usage and billing information and for customized reporting of data for groups of customers. CMP's proposed revision to Term and Condition 18.13 defines the basic information and standard form that would be provided to all competitive electricity providers free of charge, and it establishes a charge for providing any other information. The revision creates an interim Term and Condition, effective until Commission rules and Electronic Business Transaction Standards establish the data transfer provisions to be used when retail competition begins.

III. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

We request that CMP consider the following questions and whether provisions addressing any of these issues should be contained in Term and Condition 18.13:

1. Through what medium (e.g., paper, spreadsheet) will information be supplied pursuant to Term and Condition 18.13?
2. Within what time frame will information be supplied?
3. Are the kW demands specified in Part (B) measured demands or so-called billed demands? Will on-peak and interim demands be supplied?
4. Does Term and Condition 18.13 apply to all persons requesting customer information? Does it refer to a customer who is requesting information about its own account? Does it refer to a group of customers who are attempting to examine their own aggregation potential before acquiring the services of an aggregator or broker?
5. What is the cost justification for the \$15 and \$1.25 charges contained in Part (C) and the \$50 charge contained in Part (D)?

IV. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND MEETING

We request that interested persons file comments on the benefits and risks of implementing the revision to CMP's Term and Condition 18.13 and that CMP file written responses to the questions listed above, by January 6, 1998. Comments should be addressed to Dennis L. Keschl, Administrative Director and should include the docket number, Docket No. 98-938.

We will convene a meeting with interested persons on January 11 at 9:00 at the Public Utilities Commission, to discuss questions contained in this Request and comments received.

This Request for Comments is being provided to persons who have shown an interest in selling or arranging the sale of retail electric service in Maine.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 18th day of December, 1998.

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